

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
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1. claims: 1-7,10-21, 23-29

System for supplying refrigerated air to a freezer or refrigerator cabinet

2. claim: 8

Frost-free system with heating cable and water-collecting part

3. claims: 9,22

Freezer and/or refrigerator cabinet with grooves provided on the door, on an inner wall and/or on a floor ducting part for improving the airflow

4. claims: 30, 31

Freezer and/or refrigerator cabinet with a door provided with a holder for an ice cube container
